

## **BROWN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Brown County Traffic Safety Commission was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

<b>Present:</b>	Karl Ackerman	Chad Opicka	Randy Wiessinger
	Rachel Constine	Michael Panosh	Dan Van Lanen
	Peter Flucke	Cullen Peltier	Tom Witczak
	Dave Hansen	Dan Sandberg	Callum O'Connor
	Kimberly Hess	Bob Schuurmans	Lauri Maki

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

**II. Approve Minutes**

Motion was made by Witczak and seconded by Hansen to approve the minutes from the October 2016 meeting. **Motion carried.**

**III. I-41 Construction Update**

Schuurmans stated this item can now be taken off the agenda. All of the little projects left to do will be finished by June. There will be some lane closures in spring. Markers will be installed every 2/10 of a mile which will assist dispatchers in giving police/fire a more exact location. The county shop states there are now extra lane miles to plow in winter, so it will take longer before the county roads get plowed. Constine added that the county shop is starting an emergency response crew with 2-3 employees on call.

**IV. Multi-Jurisdictional OWI Task Force Update**

Panosh reported there were just over 200 OWIs in 2016. The highest number was the previous year. There were 588 fatalities in 2016 compared to 555 the previous year. Ackerman reported that Green Bay had about 25 OWIs in December. Sandberg noted that as of January 1, 2017, an OWI-4<sup>th</sup> is a felony.

**V. BOTS Updates**

See above.

**VI. Fourth Quarter Traffic Fatalities**

Sandberg reported there were 18 fatalities in Brown County in 2016. Eight of the 15 crashes (53%) were alcohol-related with an average .227 BAC, not including three of crashes which haven't been figured in yet. Panosh stated the national average for alcohol-related crashes is about 33%.

Sandberg noted that in the Brown County seat belt use study—which involved Howard, Suamico, Allouez and Denmark—only about 79% were wearing them. Those most likely to not wear them are in the 17-25 age range, which correlates with the age of the majority of fatalities.

**VII. Review of Fatal Crash-STH 57 and CTH K**

Sandberg noted that this crash happened on July 29, 2016, at approximately 1 p.m. There was road construction going on in the area which created more traffic on CTH K. The collision analysis report showed the cause of the crash to be the victim failing to yield. This is a 4-lane road now. Schuurmans stated there is a study planned for this corridor, but it is on the to-do list. No plans yet to do anything. Ideas for making this corridor safer included limiting access or making a slot right-turn lane. Also, it was suggested to close CTH K during events such as Our Lady of Good Help in August. After discussion, it was decided that Sandberg will draft a letter to Brian Brock at DOT requesting to prioritize the study and consider short-term and long-term solutions for this corridor.

**VIII. Citizen Appearances**

None.

**IX. Other Business as Allowed by Law**

Flucke stated this year there will be just short update briefings for any officers wanting to attend as the 2-day seminars will be held in Madison and Milwaukee. He stated there needs to be an increase in awareness and a reminder to municipalities about clearing snow from sidewalks.

Hess stated the first car seat check of the year will be on Saturday, March 4, 2017, from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at Broadway.

Constine reported there will be two big county construction projects for 2017. One is CTH D from Wrightstown to De Pere, which will last from spring to winter. The second one is CTH HS at Glendale Ave. to CTH B.

Schuurmans reported that DOT will be issuing a permit to Allouez to install a beacon/crossing signal on Riverside Drive at Sunset Court, which connects to Sunset Park, allowing pedestrians/bicyclists to cross safely. This is the first one in our area.

Hansen noted that DPW has a lot of studies planned for 2017.

Witczak stated he had seen a story on the news about teen driver awareness. He suggested it would be a good idea to set something up at the stadium parking lot where teens can practice winter driving techniques. Sandberg will check with NWTC as they have a driving track where this could be held.

Sandberg stated he will bring up at the DUG meeting this week about using digital signs to alert drivers of a wrong way driver on the highway. He noted this is used in Milwaukee.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent  
Recording Secretary